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For Immediate Release:

EIU THEATRE TO PRESENT 'WHAT I DID LAST SUMMER'

CHARLESTON – EIU Theatre will present its next production, "What I Did Last Summer," starting Wednesday, Feb. 23. Ticket sales begin Monday, Feb. 21.

"What I Did Last Summer," written by A.R. Gurney, is a warm-hearted, gently humorous memory play which, in delineating the coming of age of a teenage boy, pinpoints the foibles of the upper middle-class society of which he is a product. Set in 1945 during the final stages of World War II, a woman and her two teenaged children try to cope with the pressures of having the man of the house away in the South Pacific fighting in the war.

The production is being directed by Jerry Eisenhour of the Eastern Illinois University theatre arts department.

The cast is comprised of six students: Aaron Lawson, a senior theatre major from St. Louis, who plays Charlie; Scott Podraza, a sophomore theatre major from Oak Forest, who plays Ted, Charlie's friend; Leslie McGinnis, a freshman theatre major from Grantsville, who plays Grace, Charlie's mother; Cory Vogt, a junior theatre major from Monee, who plays Elsie, Charlie's sister; Annie Sears, a freshman from Oak Forest, who plays Bonnie, friend of Charlie and Ted; and Casey McLain, a senior theatre major from Silverthane, Colo., who plays Anna Trumbull.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Feb. 23, 24, 25 and 26 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 27 at The Village Theatre, 960 18th St., Charleston.

Tickets are available at the Village Theatre Box Office between 2 and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and one hour before each performance. Tickets are \$8 per adult, \$6 per faculty/staff/senior citizen and \$3.50 per student.

Call 581-3110 for reservations and ticket information.